

regret at the combination of circumstances which has heretofore brought these great works into collision, and involved the companies having charge of them in a long and expensive course of litigation, for what was essential to the progress of either—the right of way;—and, the consequences of which are now too plainly seen, and too seriously felt. The undersigned would, therefore, declare the hope that existing difficulties may be suitably, and to the entire satisfaction of both companies, adjusted; provided that both can come upon such terms as will afford facilities to the one, with the least possible injury to the other.—The company affording the facility and sustaining the injury, to receive from the Company benefitted a full and complete indemnity for delays, costs, inconveniences, and other injuries; the arrangement of which terms, the undersigned think, should be a subject for the uncontrolled will of both parties. The undersigned would, therefore, not hesitate to recommend such an adjustment to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, as far as the point now sought by the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company, to wit:—Harper's Ferry;—with the express understanding that the Rail Road company will not seek a similar location at any point above that place, on the north branch of the Potomac. The existing difficulties being then removed, which have created so much excitement among the friends of either work, and so much apprehension among those of both, all cause for further disagreement will disappear, and in the room of conflicting feelings, numerous delays, and hostile interests, will spring up and abide harmony and good will among all parties, and it is hoped mutual benefits to both enterprizes, and happy results to the public—adding strength to the union of the States now threatened with dissolution. The undersigned think they perceive in such an arrangement the best prospects for both works. The extension of the Canal to Cumberland, will then be an object as desirable (if not more so) to the city of Baltimore, as any other portion of the State, and she being interested in its speedy progress and ultimate completion to that point, her influence will be afforded it is hoped, to hasten, by every means within her power, so auspicious a result. Maryland, perceiving all obstacles removed, and feeling a strong disposition to realize the profit of her investments, which must necessarily be the more certain and ample as the work is made to extend and embrace the multiplied and constantly multiplying resources of the interior, will afford from her treasury such additional aids as a just regard to the public